GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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SUPPLY OF SUB-STANDARD COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the outstanding amount to be paid by Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board for the coal purchased by it;

(b) whether charges of supplying sub-standard coal to Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board have been levelled by the Government of Madhya Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board has requested to bring down the prices of coal in proportion to its sub-standard quality; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) Coal sale outstanding dues to be paid by Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board (MPSEB) to CIL subsidiary coal companies against supply of coal as on 30.6.2003 are given below:

(Rs. Crores)

Name of Coal Company	Dues (Provisional)
Western Coalfields Limited	654.16
South Eastern Coalfields Limited	514.62
Total	1168.78

(b) & (c) Coal companies have received complaints from MPSEB that the quality of coal supplied is not as per declared grade.

(d) & (e) MPSEB had been deducting unilaterally from the bills of coal companies on the allegations of grade slippage. As per coal policy, coal companies and MPSEB are taking steps to enter into comprehensive Fuel Supply Agreements, which include joint sampling of coal supplied to MPSEB to avoid the complaints regarding quality.